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(U) PRB Policies Concerning CSI Articles

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Further discussion on what is the policy of the PRB regarding the review of book reviews

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prepublication review or that were submitted and not officially approved? (See forwarded lotus note- 20 Mar 2008 Board Meeting):

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Board Decision: Following additional information from the Executive Secretary that unclassified articles appear in the classified edition of *Studies in Intelligence*, the Board reaffirmed that an unclassified book review set to appear in *Studies in Intelligence* (by a current employee or contractor) of a book that required PRB review and did not – will not receive PRB approval because the Board considers such publication to be inappropriate. CSI will have the option to request a reconsideration/appeal the Board's decision. Executive Secretary will inform CSI of the decision after a draft is reviewed by OGC Legal Advisor. The following scenarios and corresponding policy were outlined by the Board concerning unclassified book reviews of books that required PRB review and did not:

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1. Where authorship of an unclassified book review is by a current employee or contractor — PRB will not provide approval because the Board, based on guidance provided by its Legal Advisor, would consider such articles as being inappropriate.
 2. Where authorship of an unclassified book review is by a former employee or contractor — PRB will not provide approval for such articles for *Studies in Intelligence* because the Board considers publication in *Studies in Intelligence* to be inappropriate. Other publishing venues will be reviewed and may be approved once any classified information is deleted from the text (we do not consider "appropriateness" as a criteria for such outside — other than *Studies in Intelligence* — publications).
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to then appeal to the ADDCIA (where the publication being written about should have been submitted for prepublication review and was not or where the author did not follow PRB guidance in the prepublication review process).

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